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TAGS: SHUM, IS, US
SUBJ: SAMI ALLY ESMAIL

REF: STATE 17259

BASSIM ESMAIL PROVIDED EMBASSY ON DEC 29, 1977, THE FOLLOWING
LISTING OF ALLEGED TORTURE SUFFERED BY HIS BROTHER, SAMI, DURING
INTERROGATION AT BEN GURION AIRPORT AND PETACH TIKVA POLICE
STATION:

QUOTE: Q. HIS HAIR WAS PULLED REPEATEDLY.

2. HE WAS PUNCHED REPEATEDLY.

3. HIS EAR WAS PULLED.

4. HE WAS SPIT AT REPEATEDLY.

5. HE WAS FORCED TO CARRY CHAIRS FOR LENGTHY PERIODS
OF TIME.

6. HE WAS TOLD HE WOULD NEVER SEE HIS DYING FATHER IF HE
DIDN'T SPEAK.

7. HE WAS TOLD THAT EACH AND EVERYONE OF HIS FAMILY WOULD
BE TORTURED AS HE WAS IF HE DIDN'T MAKE CONFESSIONS.

8. HE WAS TOLD NO-ONE KNEW WHERE HE WAS AND NO-ONE WILL SEE
HIM AGAIN IF HE DIDN'T SPEAK.

9. HE WAS TOLD THAT HIS DYING FATHER WAS NOT WORTH 10 CENTS
AND THAT ISN'T WHY HE CAME TO ISRAEL.

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10. HE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO SEE A LAWYER UNTIL THEY COULD GET
HIM TO SIGN STATEMENTS IN HEBREW, A LANGUAGE HE DOES
NOT KNOW.

11. HE WAS IN A VERY SMALL CELL AND COMPLETELY ISOLATED.

12. HE WAS INTERROGATED FOR 24 HOURS A DAY BY DIFFERENT GROUPS
OF INDIVIDUALS AND AT NO TIME WAS HE ALLOWED OVER TWO HOURS
OF SLEEP.

13. HE WAS LIED TO AND TOLD (BY) THEM IF HE GAVE THEM TWO NAMES
HE WOULD BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY.

14. HE WAS CONTEMPLATING SUICIDE RATHER THAN GO THROUGH THEIR
INHUMANE TORTURE.

15. HE SIGNED BECAUSE HE COULD NOT TAKE THE PHYSICAL, MENTAL
AND MORAL TORTURE ANY LONGER.
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